चार्टर उड़ानों के लिए इस हवाई अड्डे का उपयोग नहीं किया जा सकता तथापि, ये चार्टर उड़ानें सीमा शुल्क और आव्रजन संबंधी सुविधाओं वाले हवाई अड्डों से जांच कराने के बाद औरंगाबाद आ सकती हैं।

Technical check up at IA Aircrafts

19QI. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 9 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1993 and state:

(a) for how many years the Airbus-300 has been put into service since its manufacture ;

(b) what is the average length of air-worthiness of Airbus 300 ; and

(c) whether the system of technical check up of the Indian Airlines Aircrafts is fool proof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Airbus 300 aircraft in the Indian Airlines fleet are of different years of manufacture the oldest of 1976 and latest of 1982.

(b) Manufacturers have not prescribed any specific life span of Airbus A 300 which can operate as long as they are certified as airworthy by the regulatory authorities.

(c) The Maintenance Check Schedules of Indian Airlines aircraft are formulated in consultation with the manufacturer and approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

Flight of private Airlines on subsidised routes

1902. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is obligatory for the private Airline companies to fly on subsidised routes like Calcutta-Agartala, Calcutta-Silchar etc;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, on which subsidised route* the private Airlines are flying their aircrafts ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) As per the existing guidlines, Air Taxi Operators can operate to any domestic airport to which, scheduled services operate. Government is not giving any subsidy either to Indian Airlines or Air Taxi Operators for operating flights on any sector.

Constitution of Core Committee to Boost Tourism

1903. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a core committee has been constituted to draw up a plan for refurbishing national monuments in a bid to boost tourism;

(b) if so, whether Hampi in Karnataka the apex centre of Vijayanagar Kingdom is also included in the proposal; and

(c) if so, when the project is likely to be commenced.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government is contemplating to set up a core committee of Secretaries to evolve a plan of action for co-ordinated improvement, refurbishment and maintenance of selected monuments in the country. The decision regarding various sites would be taken by the committee, when constituted.

Projects for Tourism Development

1904. SHRI DILIP SINGH IUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of projects for tourism development sent by the State/ Union Territory Government during Seventh Five Year Plan which are still awaiting sanction of the Central Government ;